

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

#### **Listing of claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for producing a polarizing film, comprising:  
playing out a plurality of films from a plurality of rolled raw films;  
dyeing the films and  
stretching the films,  
wherein ~~each individual film of~~ the plurality of films ~~[[is]]~~ are in a stacked arrangement  
without touching throughout the method for producing the polarizing film, horizontally aligned  
in a vertical fashion  
wherein the plurality of rolled raw films are in a stacked arrangement without touching  
throughout the method for producing the polarizing film, and  
wherein the films are simultaneously dipped into at least one type of processing liquid  
~~without contacting each other.~~
2. (Original): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1,  
wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.
3. (Previously Presented): The method for producing a polarizing film according to  
claim 1,

wherein the films are made of polyvinylalcohol and the processing liquid contains a dichroic substance in the dyeing step, and then the dyed films are uniaxially stretched in the stretching step.

4. (Original): A polarizing film obtained by the method according to claim 1.
5. (Original): An optical film comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4 and an optical layer provided on at least one side of the polarizing film.
6. (Original): A liquid crystal panel comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.
7. (Original): An image display comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.
8. (Original): The liquid crystal panel according to claim 6,  
wherein the liquid crystal panel is produced by an in-house production method.
9. (Original): The image display according to claim 7,  
wherein the image display is produced by an in-house production method.
10. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for producing a polarizing film, comprising:  
a plurality of rolled raw films;

one processing bath containing one type of processing liquid;  
a film delivery holder provided in the one processing bath and configured to deliver a plurality of films which are played out from the rolled raw films,  
wherein the plurality of films are in a stacked arrangement without touching throughout the apparatus for producing the polarizing film,  
wherein the plurality of rolled raw films are in a stacked arrangement without touching throughout the apparatus for producing the polarizing film, and  
wherein the films are in a state where each individual film is horizontally aligned in a vertical fashion so as to simultaneously dip the films dipped into the processing liquid without contacting each other.

11. (Original): The apparatus for producing a polarizing film according to claim 10, wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.
12. (Previously Presented): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1, wherein a total stretch ratio is from 3.0 to 7.0 in the stretching.